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Feeding time

LET NO ONE mistake recent events in South Lebanon for anything other than what they are: the beginning of a concerted effort by the Israelis to create trouble on their northern and eastern borders in setting the stage for more drastic measures to come. It is a development that has been awaited for some time, following Israel's successful neutralisation of its western flank with Egypt. For the renewed bloodshed in South Lebanon, and for the threat of increased tension along Israel's borders with Syria and Jordan, we have no one to thank but President Sadat.

The renegade Major Saad Haddad is, and long has been, an Israeli tool. It took only Lebanon's understandable attempt to re-assert its national sovereignty in the south, four years after the outbreak of the Lebanese civil war and a year after the Israeli invasion, to provide the renegade and his Israeli masters with a pretext for action.

Of course his ridiculous proclamation of a "free" zone in the south is an absurd fabrication. But the area is bound to become a tragic testing ground for Israel's grand design of extinguishing the Palestinian "threat" inside and outside her borders. It will not be in southern Lebanon alone that this campaign is likely to be waged.

It is tragic and treacherous that renegade Arabs like Haddad and Sadat should lend their services to Israel's diabolical strategy. It has been argued that Israel is like an amoebic organism, taking on new shapes as it gobbles up the people and territory within its reach. Retracting now on the west (if that is what it is doing), this slippery organism has a biological need to expand elsewhere. Its appetite is undiminished -- indeed, if anything, it is fortified by the release of pressure on one of its extremities. Lebanon is the weakest and most defenceless of the potentially hostile organisms from which Israel can feed. The rest of us must reinforce our defensive mechanisms for we, undoubtedly, are the next course on the menu.

ARAB PRESS COMMENTARY

JORDANIAN PAPERS Thursday attack Lebanese militia leader Maj. Saad Haddad for proclaiming what they describe as a "statelet" in south Lebanon.

AL RA'I says the proclamation of the statelet was a farce which displayed "the picture of cantons Israel wants to create around it now that Sinai has become neutralised."

"Realising that the Lebanese authority is too weak to confront Saad Haddad in south Lebanon, as well as Pierre Gemayel and Camille Chamoun in Beirut, Israel has declared the independence of the belt along the southern Lebanese frontier to prove not only the weakness of the Lebanese authority, but the inability of the U.N. to implement Security Council resolutions 425; 426; 444; 181; 194; 242; and 338 as well." "Although Haddad's state was stillborn, the process of birth by itself reveals the incapacity of the Arabs to handle basic issues relating to the unity of the nation, and its sovereignty over all the Arab world," the paper says.

The proclamation of the canton as a new ghetto in the Arab World is considered a "flagrant challenge for the Arab conscience and a test for the preparedness of the Arab nation to shoulder its national responsibilities in this bad phase of its contemporary history," AL RA'I says. In conclusion the paper says: "It is our national duty to uproot this phenomenon (the Saad Haddad state) before it gets fully established, and before Lebanon and other (Arab territories) turn into Zionist experimental plantations."

Commenting on the same subject, AL DUSTOUR says: "The establishment of the Saad Haddad state in southern Lebanon is aimed at achieving the following purposes:

"First, punishing the Lebanese government for committing itself to the Baghdad resolutions. Such a punishment offers Lebanon only two options: either to accept the Camp David agreements, and quit the Arab nation--in which case there will be no need (for Israel) to support the establishment of the Saad Haddad mini-state--or face up to the problem of regaining the territory which Israel has swallowed vicariously through its lackey."

"Second, exerting pressure on Syria by deploying (Israeli troops) in the territories which have been swallowed up."

"Third, picking quarrel with the Arab states which reject the Camp David agreements."

"Fourth, creating an urgent issue in the Arab World which would take priority over the separate Israeli-Egyptian peace treaty."

"The Haddad mini-state," the paper adds, represents "a new Israeli expansion linked with the conspiracy to liquidate the Arab cause."

"Washington should remember that what is going on in southern Lebanon will not discourage the Arabs who reject capitulation," the paper says.

"Washington will not be in a position where it can escape responsibility if it does not take steps to deter Israel, so that the lawless Lebanese authorities can restore their sovereignty over their border area," the newspaper adds.

The events in southern Lebanon "constitute an Israeli blow to stability in the area with the objective of impeding the required equitable peace," AL DUSTOUR says.

"Will the Arabs hasten to build up their indigenous strength, or will they content themselves with protests, condemnations and resolutions?" the paper asks.

11th group of security forces graduate

AMMAN, April 19 (JNA) -- The eleventh group of the special security and protection forces graduated here today. Among the graduates were officers from the Qatari and Yemeni Arab Republic armed forces. Attending the graduation ceremony were the Yemeni Ambassador and several high-ranking Jordanian army officers.

National News Roundup

U.S. congressman, youth delegation meet Prince Hassan, NCC president

AMMAN, April 19 (JNA) -- Visiting U.S. Congressman Clarence Long and a group of representatives of U.S. political groups for youth now on a tour of the Middle East called on National Consultative Council (NCC) President Ahmad Lawzi today to discuss Middle East developments and Jordan's position on the separate Egyptian-Israeli peace treaty. During separate meetings Mr. Lawzi also briefed the visitors on the duties of NCC and various economic and social achievements in Jordan. Mr. Long was yesterday received by Crown Prince Hassan with whom he discussed latest political developments in the Middle East region and reviewed Jordan's development projects.

ICAO official meets Civil Aviation director

AMMAN, April 19 (JNA) -- The visiting director of the technical assistance bureau of the International Civil Aviation Organisation (ICAO) Jack Vivian held talks here today with the Director General of the Civil Aviation Directorate, Mr. Sharif Ghazi Rakani, on the organisation's technical aid to the directorate. The aid included in ICAO's assistance programme, which runs until 1981, provides for supplying the directorate's technical institute with equipment and expertise to train personnel in air traffic control operations, maintenance of machinery and equipment and operating the Queen Alia International Airport. Later Mr. Vivian was taken on a tour of Amman airport's new control tower which is due to be opened in June.

Faculty of Agriculture experiments with poultry battery cage systems

By Lee S. Tesdell
Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN -- The Faculty of Agriculture at the University of Jordan is researching new techniques for the poultry industry which farmers in Jordan can adopt.

The faculty's poultry farm has been using a battery cage system for some of its layers for several months. A battery cage system consists of tiers of cages; one obvious advantage is that a three-tier system, for instance, could triple bird density per square metre of floor area.

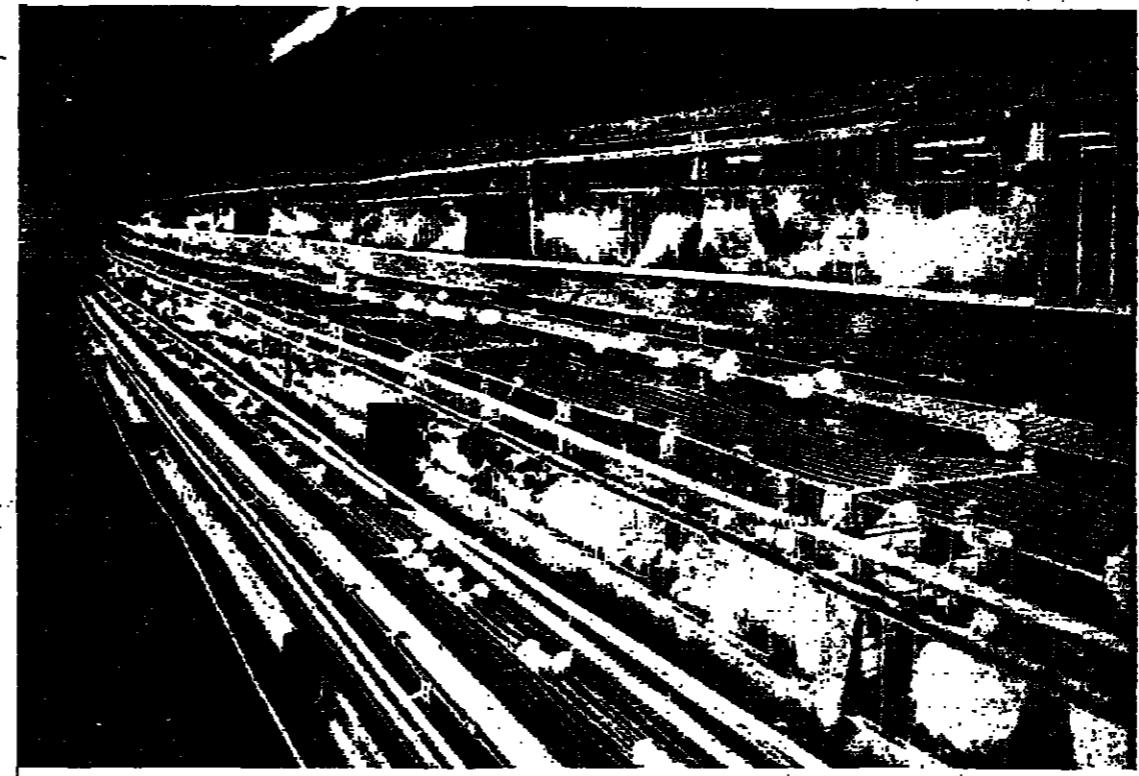
Members of the faculty think they could assist farmers in the conversion of present facilities to battery cage systems. If the farmer is interested in converting -- or more to the point if he has sufficient capital to do so -- the faculty members can offer advice.

Those involved among the staff are Dr. Ahmad Faqih, Dr. Shakib Abdul Rahim and Mr. George Goddard. Dr. Talal Nasser handles the related area of disease control at the Ministry of Agriculture. "The university should play a role in helping to develop conversion systems," Mr. Goddard told the Jordan Times this week.

Layer cages have some advantages over the usual system of deep litter management; more birds can be housed on the same floor space, less labour is needed, better flock control is possible, parasites are more easily controlled and no litter is necessary.

On the other hand, cage systems are expensive, they require a higher level of management skill, cracked eggs may occur more frequently, contagious diseases may spread more easily, flies and odour may increase and the birds have to be debeaked.

Cage systems designs vary greatly. They can include automatic watering and feeding, egg collection and manure removal. A typical cage can house three to four light birds or up to six with complete environmental control in the house. Mr. Jack Khayyat, a leading poultry producer is now using an advanced environment



There are 1,600 birds in the University's cage system. For research purposes this is fine, but commercially speaking, a farmer would have to use his building space more efficiently. The birds are

mentally controlled system, and is reportedly happy with it.

Battery cages can be used for various stages of rearing, from the day-old chick stage to laying age. Both metal and plastic cages are used. There are a total of about 15 cage systems in use in Jordan. The typical farmer may not, however, be able to invest in such a system.

The farmer who considers installing a cage system must take into consideration the following: Is the housing system suitable for cages? Is the management skill available to run the system properly? Will it be economic?

For conversion, Mr. Goddard said the "optimum system in Jordan would appear to be stepped cages". The final decision by a farmer must be made on the basis of quality of materials, management availability and cost of systems. "The cheapest system may not necessarily be the best".

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AOAS decides on measures for transfer of HQ to Amman

AMMAN, April 19 (JNA) -- The Arab Organisation for Administrative Science (AOAS) ended a two-day meeting here today with an agreement on measures to enforce its decision to move its headquarters out of Cairo.

The fourteen Arab delegates decided at their session yesterday to suspend Egypt's membership in the organisation and to transfer its headquarters from Cairo to Amman. AOAS Director General Abdullah Al Zubi said at the end of today's closing session.

The delegates decided that the organisation's funds, documents and other assets shall now be considered the property of the new legal administration established here. They entrusted the organisation's director general with the task of taking legal steps to transfer AOAS funds deposited in Cairo banks to Amman. Dr. Zubi said.

In addition, the directorate general of the organisation was empowered to dismiss employees who fail to take up their posts at the new headquarters, and to

undertake other necessary measures and legal steps to deal with problems arising in the course of transferring the headquarters to Amman. Dr. Zubi added.

He said the delegates also earmarked \$550,000 from contributions due from member states to finance the transfer of the headquarters to the Jordanian capital. Empowered the director general to use the funds for this purpose and asked him to report on progress to the next AOAS general meeting.

The delegates appealed to Arab member states to give due consideration to the current difficult circumstances the organisation is passing through and its dire need for funds to carry out its mission. Dr. Zubi said.

Taking part in the two-day meeting were delegates from Jordan, Syria, Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Libya, Iraq, the Yemen Arab Republic, Morocco, Bahrain, Palestine, the United Arab Emirates, Qatar, Lebanon and Tunisia.

First officers elected by Arab Railways Union

By a Jordan Times Staff Reporter

AMMAN, April 19 -- Ministry of Transportation under-secretary Hashem Taher was elected chairman of the board of the newly formed Arab Railways Union here today during the first meeting of the union's board.

Lebanese engineer Mr. Adel Hamieh, was elected vice-chairman and Syrian engineer Mr. Zafer Attar, was chosen as secretary general of the union.

The purpose of the union is to

co-operate and promote of different railways in the world. Mr. Taher said: "Today we discuss in general line the union. Secretary General assigned the task of regulations and recommendations to submit to the board meeting to be held in November. He will also budget for the next year. The board consists of representatives from Syria, Iraq, Libya, Morocco, Lebanon and

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

On Amman traffic

Dear Sir:

We have read with considerable interest the article by Rami G. Khouri entitled "Three Cheers for Fatih" appeared in the April 4 edition of the Jordan Times. We are accord with the accolades that Mr. Khouri heaps upon colonel and his crew of traffic policemen. There is no question their work has produced real and hopefully lasting improvements in the traffic conditions in Amman.

However, as frequent travellers to the airport, the 10-minute trip from Jabal Amman to the airport downtown at the height of the rush hour with consequences. There are two explanations that come to mind:

1. Mr. Khouri could have been riding and driving in the elaborate, oversized white Honda 750 cc motorcycle.

2. He was able to emulate Pegasus and fly with ease over all mortal obstructions.

The comment concerning the 750 cc Honda is based on the fact that traffic policemen are rarely called upon to accompany that requires that much of a vehicle. We have also that a few of the vehicles either have worn-out or the (silencers) or they have been removed deliberately from roar on top of the loudspeaker scream to scare the motorists even more.

We have been interested observers of the increases of Colonel Fathi Abu Saad and his personnel since we noticed increased enforcement activities and, as noted, heartily applaud the result of such activities. We believe that the most difficult task lies ahead -- that is drivers and average Amman driver believes that he/she has been given privilege of driving or parking as he/she wishes by some power and that traffic rules, regulations and courtesies apply to all other drivers. This includes a total disregard traffic signs or signals.

The impatience of Amman drivers and the traffic never more starkly illustrated than the film and accident involving Major General Ghazi Arabyah and his people. It is ironic that the general hand-picked the to clear up the traffic mess in Amman.

We have also noted that the colonel's men must an inordinate amount of discussion and argument during of writing out a fine or trying to get in illegally parked car. We see no reason why they have to put up with this. A near the nearest police station would solve the problem.

We have need to travel quite frequently on Al-Husseini Ali Street (Mukhabarat Street), and it is our observation that there are at least 200 violations daily at the traffic signals out from the Third Circle. This includes all vehicles, taxis, service cars, school buses, trucks, private, diplomatic, military, and an occasional traffic policeman. As for intersection appear to be well synchronised and a well-timed but the very impatient Amman drivers cause even the slightest delay. This intersection would be a real for an energetic traffic policeman, but it would take several days to slow down the stream of violations, at least for few days. However the intersection is apparently off limits.

Again we must emphasize that we believe the world's one! Fathi and his men terrific and wish them even more in the future. We do not however feel competent enough with Mr. Khouri on the remainder of his article.

Zaid and Lima G.

Criminal ignorance

Dear Editor,

I am sitting here watching a gang of workmen building a new fuel farm at the airfield at Mafraq, hurling bags of empty cement bags over the fence. No doubt the foreman at the site kept tidy as the work proceeds, but why have we to be faced with a mountain of rubbish in the streets and as a result of their criminal ignorance?

I repeat criminal ignorance. They are working well boundaries of an international airport, and there will be cement bags floating around as soon as we get a draft of wind. They realise what an empty cement bag can do to a jet plane.

I am quite happy to pay the man who collects by himself cannot understand why the Amman cleaning department contractors to cover the area around where they are working all their unwanted rubbish, and not get us recompense for picking up after them.

I would be obliged if you could pass on my comment departments concerned. I am certain the Director of Cleaning would be interested and concerned about the contractors employed on and around the international air

Yours etc.

c/o Royal Jordanian Air Academy
P.O. Box 6191
Amman
April 8, 1979

Postcards wanted

Hello friends,
Please send me colour postcards of Jordan and the Amman. To gather colour postcards is my hobby. Best regards.

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Pf. 542
German Democratic Republic

WHAT'S GOING ON

Geographic Exhibit

The French Cultural Centre is displaying an exhibition of maps and topographical equipment organised by the Jordan National Geographic Centre and the French Mapping Group. The exhibit is open during regular hours.

Art Exhibit

The Dept. of Culture and Arts presents an exhibition of paintings by the fine arts students of the Centre for Music and Fine Arts at the Art Gallery, Ministry of Culture and Youth. Open during regular hours.

French Film

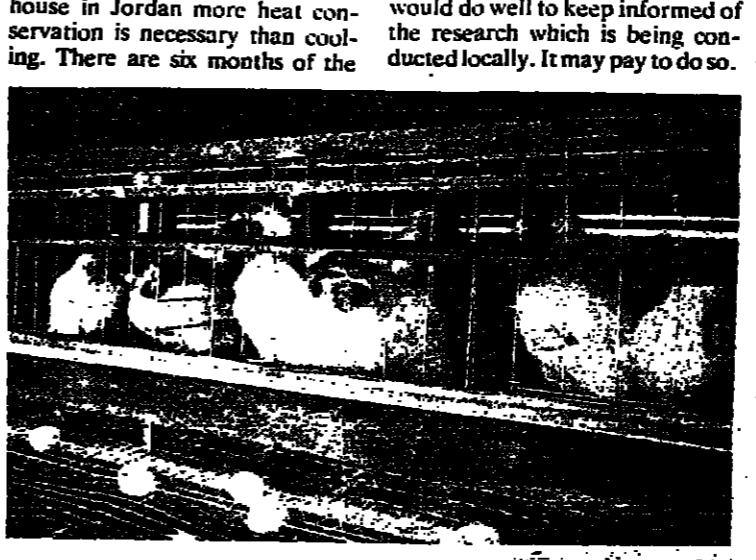
The French Cultural Centre presents a film by Denys de La Patelliere entitled "Le voyage du pere" at 7:30 p.m. The film is subtitled in Arabic.

Documentary Film

The Soviet Cultural Centre presents a film about Lenin to commemorate his 109th birthday at 6:00 p.m.

Easter Party

The YWCA is holding an Easter egg hunt party for children aged four to eight at 10:30 a.m.



The birds drink from small nipples which when pushed, release drops of water. Feed is mixed at the University's hatchery. The ingredients, except for limestone, are imported. (Photos by Lee S. Tesdell)

First Officer
by Arab Rail

Jordan Weekly Calendar

UNM is a weekly listing, without charge, of events in Amman and other parts of Jordan which the public interested in knowing about or participating in. Publish Friday edition of this paper, the listing covers seven days from Friday morning and ending the following evening. Events included are cultural activities (concerts, art exhibits, etc.); cultural centre films, cine club, festivals, video-tape programmes and documentaries; excursions of historical or archaeological interest; club activities that are open to the public or are not exclusive membership.

Events listed in Jordan Weekly Calendar will also be listed under "What's Going On" on the day of the event. This listing is charge.

Events in having their events listed in this column are listed to contact the Jordan Times, or send descriptive material by hand, during the previous week until noon. Photographs and art work are also welcome.

(Week of April 20 - 26)

EXHIBITIONS

NG: The French Cultural Centre is displaying maps and measuring equipment. The exhibition has been organized by the Jordan National Geographic Centre in cooperation with the French Mapping Group. The exhibit can be viewed during regular hours until April 30.

Department of Culture and Arts presents an exhibition of other art work by the fine arts students of the Centre d'Art et de la Culture. The exhibition is on display at the Artistry of Culture and Youth, until April 27.

THEATRE

April 26: The British Council presents the London Group who will perform scenes from "Hamlet" and "King Lear" at the Jordan Theatre at 8:00 p.m. A morning is also scheduled for the benefit of English literature students. Schools interested in having their students programme should contact the British Council for more information.

FILMS

April 20: The French Cultural Centre presents a film by Patellier entitled "Le voyage du pere" (1966), Daniel, Lili Palmer, Laurent Terzieff, Madeleine Michel Auclair and Philippe Noiret. The film is in French version with Arabic subtitles, and starts at 7:30 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday, same time.

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April 24: The Goethe Institute presents a film entitled "Die Jagd" (1971) directed by Eberhard Fechner and Christian Blech, Cordula Trantow and Hans-Joachim Borchert. The film starts at 6:00 p.m.

April 26: The Soviet Cultural Centre presents a film by Bondarjuk entitled "They Fought for Their Country", Sergei Bondarjuk. The film starts at 6:00 p.m.

LECTURE

April 23: The British Council presents a lecture by Dr. Edwin Schick, annual professor at AMMAN, April 19 (JNA) - South Australian Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries Brian Chatterton left Amman today at the end of a six-day visit to Jordan. During his visit he met with Crown Prince Hassan, Prime Minister Mudar Badran and other government officials to discuss cooperation between South Australia and Jordan in the field of agriculture. The talks were followed yesterday with the announcement that South Australia will help Jordan set up a project for the production of fodder in rain-fed regions.

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First joint Syria, Jordan dig at Busra

Special to the Jordan Times

DAMASCUS, April 19 - The first joint Jordanian-Syrian archaeological expedition in Syria to excavate the Nabataean levels of Busra - has been announced by Dr. Atif Bahnassi, Director of Syrian Museums and Antiquities.

The mission, which will begin excavation in July, will be made up of an equal number of Syrian and Jordanian archaeologists jointly directed by Dr. Suleiman Moghdad, Director of the Busra Department of Antiquities, and Dr. Fawzi Ziyadine, a former excavator of Petra and a specialist in Nabataean archaeology.

The excellent exchange of information between members of the Syrian and Jordanian departments over the past years has resulted in the first joint expedition to continue research of Nabataean remains at Busra, Dr. Bahnassi said.

Five years ago the Syrian Department of Antiquities launched a year-long effort to uncover remains and clean and restore archaeological ruins in Busra.

The Syrian-Jordanian project is regarded as the first cooperative effort between Arab states in the field of archaeology in Syria. According to Dr. Bahnassi the Antiquities Department will encourage further pan-Arab research in Syria.

Coming & Going

S. Australian minister leaves

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A Syrian family's success story: enterprise and faith in agriculture

By Pat McDonnell
Special to the Jordan Times

DAMASCUS - For more than four decades the Challah family name has been synonymous with agro-economics in Syria. The family's success story is based on initiative, far-sightedness and hard work.

In 1934, Salim Challah and his sons, Badreddin, Chafik, Rachad and Anwar, opened the first canning factory in the Middle East in Damascus. However, the story began long before that.

Badreddin Challah, 73, who has been the president of the Damascus Chamber of Commerce since 1972, recalls his first experiences in marketing farm produce at the age of 13.

His father, Salim, was a Damascus businessman with a small farm directly adjacent to the present parliament building in Damascus. Each season, Salim imported trainloads of melons from Damascus from Tulkarm, Palestine. In 1920, at the age of 13, Badreddin bought and transported melons by rail, and on one occasion, the fourth such trainload was diverted because of a revolution by the people of Horan in southern Syria. The barefoot youth wasn't about to lose his trainload of melons and he rode with them to Beirut and from there delivered them to Damascus by truck.

Salim Challah early instilled a sense of business ethics and pride in his sons. Badreddin recalls an incident when he and brother Chafik were teenagers. The two were carelessly packing all grades of apricots into crates for export.

When their father observed this, he made them repeat several hours of work by extracting all the inferior fruits with the strong admonition: "It took me several years to build a reputation that all Challah products are superior and you two aren't going to undo the efforts of years in one morning of incompetence."

The lesson stuck and even today, 14 years after the Challah cannery stopped operating under the family name, when Damascenes refer to the finest grade jam one can buy, they call it Challah jam.

Family enterprises continued much the same until 1928 when Badreddin's brother, Anwar, an agricultural student at the American University of Beirut, observed for the first time peaches preserved in glass jars.

Anwar and his brothers quickly set to learning the secrets of the process. They bought a pressure cooker and experimented with canning stuffed grape leaves in vacuum-packed jars. With each successive experiment, they drew enthusiastic supporters and by 1933, they established a corporation for a canning factory with their father.

The corporation was made up of 50,000 shares, we only sold 12,000 shares, but we were in business," Badreddin recalled.

The jams, grapeleaves and okra which the Challahs initially canned soon were marketed throughout the Middle East.

Shortly after, Salim Challah established his own canning factory and an apricot paste factory in the Ghouta area of Damascus. The long sheets of apricot paste (qamaraddin) traditionally were squeezed and pressed by hand, but Salim imported machines and improved sales when he added sulphur as a colourant and preservative.

Although the Challah cannery

factory was nationalised in 1965, the apricot paste factory still thrives under the family name. The sheets of apricot paste are chiefly exported to Arab countries, however, a by-product, the bitter apricot kernels, are cracked and exported to Europe. This fac-

tory is overseen by Badreddin's son, Ghassan.

Throughout the canning ven-

ture, the Challahs used to bid for fruit crops at auctions. "We virtually bought the produce of all other farmers in advance, picked the crops and canned them," explained Badreddin.

In 1934, acreage was purchased in the Germania region of Damas-

cus which has since been liquidated. In 1941, the family pur-

chased land in Qamishli for wheat

and corn.

Badreddin Challah does not

believe in imports - his life long

career has been geared to prom-

oting exports and thereby bringing

foreign currency into Syria.

The Challahs work together and

live together harmoniously. In

1947, Badreddin and his

partner-brother Chafik con-

structed a large apartment build-

ing in Damascus in which the

two brothers and seven of their sons

and their families live.

In his capacity as director of the

Damascus Chamber of Commerce

and Union of Syrian Chambers of

Commerce, Badreddin has

travelled throughout the world - he obtained 20 visas in

1978 alone - and has attended

conferences in every continent

except Australia and Latin

America.

He regularly contributes arti-

cles to Damascus newspapers - the

see the Zabadani farm, his son

Ghassan manages the apricot

paste factory, another son,

Mohammad, handles gov-

ernmental relations, and Bad-

raddin's eldest son, Dr. Rataf,

with his cousin, Dr. Muwaffak,

is in charge of export-public rela-

tions.

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"Whenever people ask my age,

I certainly don't admit to being

73," Badreddin said, "that would

sound as if I were full of wisdom. I

tell them I'm 16 and learning

something new every day."

Badreddin is optimistic about

the economic growth of Syria.

"The future of the Arab people

lies in the development of Syria.

This will be achieved through four

factors: the reclamation of agricul-

tural lands through irrigation from the

Tabqa Dam; new technology;

utilisation of raw materials; and

the initiative of the individual

Syrian.

"I maintain that each single

Syrian is equivalent in potential

value to one oil well," he said

emphatically.

"We Syrians must improvise on

new farming methods developed

throughout the world. By the year

2000, the world population will

Hong Kong wins women's table tennis matches

EDINBURGH, April 19 (R)—Hong Kong followed up their victories in the men's and women's team events of the Commonwealth Table Tennis Championships here by winning both individual singles events last night. Wong Lu Veng beat England number three Jimmy Walker 21-16, 16-21, 21-17, 21-16 in the men's final and Hui So Hung defeated Carole Knight, also of England, 21-13, 21-14, 21-14 in the women's decider. The English pair were unable to match the Rapier-Sharp and fierce hitting of the Hong Kong stars. Walker raised English hopes when he won the second game against Wong, but the Hong Kong player always looked the more likely winner in the rest of the match. Hui, a quick-hitting pen-holder, controlled the women's final from start to finish against Knight, whom she beat in 30 minutes.

Israeli table tennis stars seek visas to N.Korea

TEL AVIV, April 19 (R)—Israel's two top table tennis players, Dror Pollak and Shlomo Mendelsohn, and coach Ze'ev Kraus left for Geneva Monday in the hope of obtaining entry visas to North Korea for the world championships in Pyongyang next week. North Korea announced recently that Israel would not be granted visas. The Israel Sports Federation, which tonight announced the surprise departure of the three men, has already protested against North Korea's discriminatory action to the table tennis federations of all western countries participating in the championships. An official protest was also sent to Mr. Roy Evans of Wales, President of the International Table Tennis Federation.

Bulgaria beats Czechoslovakia in soccer match

BOURGAS, Bulgaria, April 19 (R)—Bulgaria beat Czechoslovakia 1-0 here yesterday in an Olympic soccer qualifying match (halftime 0-0).

E. Germany downs Poland

LEIPZIG, East Germany, April 19, (R)—East Germany beat Poland 2-1 in a group four qualifying match for the European championships here today.

Strike affects N.American soccer clubs

NEW YORK, April 19 (R)—Five teams remain undefeated after the third week of the North American Soccer League (NASL):

season. The strike, called by the NASL players' association, largely fizzled as all 12 scheduled games were played during the weekend, though several clubs were greatly affected. Hardest hit were the Fort Lauderdale strikers in their match against Washington. Five regulars augmented by a dozen local amateurs played for the side, who lost 4-0. The union, which called the strike in an effort to force the league to grant it recognition, said that 143 of the 480 players on the 24 teams refused to play. Most of the strikers were Americans or Canadians, many foreign players who at first voted to support the strike changed their minds, probably because of the possibility of deportation if they joined it.

There were conflicting statements, however, on this aspect of the situation. The defending champion New York Cosmos' wide galaxy of international stars voted 20-2 to support the walkout three days before the Saturday deadline, but only the team's six North Americans did not play. The association has been recognised by the National Labour Relations Board, but not by the league, who base their reluctance on the fact that many teams are not firmly established financially. Association Executive Director Ed Garvey has indicated his union wants eventually to bargain with the league as a whole, not with individual teams. But club owners fear this would be ruinous.

Greece beats Italy in qualifying match

YANNINA, Greece, April 19 (R)—Greece beat Italy 1-0 in an Olympic soccer qualifying match played here today.

Nottingham Forest draws with Manchester United

LONDON, April 19 (R)—A goal by million-pound striker Trevor Francis three minutes from time last night saved Nottingham Forest's two-year unbeaten home run in the First Division of the English Football League. Manchester United, finalists in the English Football Association Cup, seemed likely to inflict Forest's first home league defeat in 41 games when Joe Jordan gave them

lead in the 47th minute and they hung on to it until approaching the end of the match. But Forest's late goal from Francis, who has been criticised for recent poor displays, made it a 1-1 draw. The Nottingham club's failure to win lessened their already slim chance of overtaking league leaders Liverpool, whom they trail by six points.

Seattle squeezes past Los Angeles in NBA playoffs

NEW YORK, April 19 (AP)—As if the Los Angeles Lakers aren't in enough trouble, Seattle's John Johnson had to rub it in. "Gus (Williams) really gets keyed up when he goes down there (Los Angeles)," Johnson said Wednesday night after Williams led the Supersonics to a wild 108-103 overtime victory over the Lakers in the National Basketball Association playoff series.

The triumph before 26,862 Kingdome fans, the Sonics' largest crowd this season, gave Seattle a 2-0 lead in the best-of-seven Western Conference semifinals series.

Wednesday night's game was one each team thought it had wrapped up in the final, frantic minutes of the fourth quarter. The Lakers trailed 93-85 with 2:15 left to play, then gained a 93-93 tie with 52 seconds left on Adrian Dantley's basket off a steal. The Sonics came down court and Los Angeles rebounded Johnson's missed shot. The Lakers worked the ball around the perimeter before Norm Nixon canned an 18-footer with 10 seconds left for a 95-93 advantage. To Williams who passed it to Sikma. Sikma's 15-footer was blocked by Kareem Abdul-Jabbar with three seconds left, but Johnson's 18-footer at the buzzer sent the game into overtime.

Baseball roundup

NEW YORK, April 19 (AP)—Paul Molitor and Sal Bando slugged consecutive home runs in the seventh inning to back Lwv Sorenson's eight-hitter and the Milwaukee Brewers routed Boston 4-1 Wednesday.

Elsewhere in the American League, Rob Carew smacked four hits, drove in two runs and scored three times against his former teammates as California downed the Minnesota Twins 11-6. Don Baylor and Willie Mays Aikens also drove in two runs apiece for the Angels.

Gary Alexander smacked a three-run homer in the seventh inning off Texas reliever Sparky Lyle and the Cleveland Indians ended a long victory drought against the Rangers with a 6-4 win. Cleveland had lost its previous 13 games against Texas. Greg Pryor drove in four runs with three hits as the Chicago White Sox clobbered Toronto 12-5. Chet Lemon, Alan Bannister, Eric Soderholm and Mike Squires each had three hits in the White Sox' 18-hit attack.

Rob Picciolo lashed a base-loaded single in the seventh inning to snap a 2-2 tie and the Oakland A's collected their third straight victory with a 5-2 decision over Seattle.

In the National League, Tony Scott's two-out single in the top of the 14th inning drove in Keith Hernandez with the winning run, and the St. Louis Cardinals held on to beat the Chicago Cubs 3-2.

Warren Cromartie drove in the tying run with a double play grounder, and Ellis Valentine delivered the winning run with a singe in the ninth inning as Montreal edged the New York Mets 6-5. Tony Perez homered for the Expos.

In American League night action, the New York Yankees defeated Baltimore 3-1. Jim Spencer and Reggie Jackson homered for New York.

In the NL, Greg Luzinski smacked a homer into the fifth level seats at Three Rivers Stadium, and Bake McBride added his third home run in two nights to power Philadelphia to a 3-2 win over Pittsburgh. Luzinski's homer was the longest ever at Pittsburgh by a visiting player.

On the West Coast, San Francisco reliever Joe Cogeman, who came in for the ejected Gary Lavelle, threw one pitch and walked in the winning run in the bottom of the ninth to give the San Diego Padres a 7-6 victory over the Giants.

Italian takes European heavyweight boxing title

TURIN, Italy, April 19 (R)—Italian challenger Alfredo Zanon Deoddy took the European heavyweight boxing title from Spanish defender Alfredo Evangelista tonight with a convincing points win over 12 rounds. Evangelista, 24, who took the title from Lucien Rodriguez of France in September 1977, looked slow and his only tactic was to rush across the ring trying to reach Zanon with one of his feared right hooks. Zanon, 27, who had already beaten Evangelista on points once before, in February 1977, was well prepared for a repeat performance.

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Anti-Amin forces begin new drive to extend control

KAMPALA, April 19 (R) — A week after taking Kampala, Ugandan and Tanzanian forces have begun a methodical offensive to extend their control over anarchic areas where ousted dictator Idi Amin's troops are reported to have massacred civilians.

Refugees fleeing to Kenya spoke of gangs of soldiers from Field Marshal Amin's broken army running wild in the eastern town of Tororo, dragging people from their homes and butchering them. "They are killing everybody in Tororo," said Miss Kabogoza, the town's assistant district commissioner who fled to Kenya.

Two columns of Tanzanian and Ugandan National Liberation Front (UNLF) troops advanced slowly and methodically. One column, led by a Soviet-built T-54 tank, expected to take until early tomorrow to reach Jinja, 80 kilometres to the east, after leaving Kampala at dawn yesterday.

At that rate, even if it continues to meet no opposition, it could be 14 days before the column has swept right around the north of Uganda's Lake Victoria on its mission to destroy the remnants of Mr. Amin's army.

According to an Ugandan officer, it is to join a second column which is moving due north from Kampala to Lira. He said the reunited army then plans to hit the far north-west tribal stronghold of Mr. Amin's Nubian people, who formed most of his army across the Albert Nile.

Reuter correspondent Michael Hughes, with the column going east from Kampala to Jinja yesterday, said 2,000 troops advanced on foot along the road with three tanks and artillery.

"We are not going in a hurry. We expect to reach Jinja on Friday," Major Cyril Okido of Tanzania's Seventh Battalion told Mr. Hughes, explaining that his men had to flush out stray bands of Amin's soldiers from thick forest bordering the road.

Amin aide detained

British-born businessman Bob

White House attacks claims of U.S. inability to verify SALT compliance

WASHINGTON, April 19 (R) — The Carter administration has accused a Republican senator of leaking an inaccurate account of secret CIA testimony about U.S. ability to guard against any Soviet cheating on a new strategic arms treaty.

The charge signalled a forceful administration attack on claims that the United States might be unable to verify Soviet compliance with the proposed SALT II treaty.

President spokesman Jody Powell said the loss of U.S. electronics outposts in Iran did not pose problems for SALT II's "overall verifiability."

Mr. Powell took issue with an account by Republican Senator Jake Garn of testimony by CIA Director Stanfield Turner before the Senate Intelligence Committee.

Admiral Turner was quoted as telling the committee that it would take until 1984 for the United States to restore all the intelligence capabilities lost when Americans abandoned several electronics stations following the fall of the Shah of Iran.

The CIA also said the account was "inaccurate as it now stands" but stopped short of blaming Senator Garn, an avowed critic of the treaty being negotiated with the Soviet Union.

Mr. Powell drew a distinction between the CIA director's comment about U.S. ability to restore all intelligence capabilities lost in Iran, and the capabilities needed to verify the nearly completed SALT II pact.

Cambodians: Caught between hatred, distrust

By Denis Gray

BANGKOK, Thailand—Recent refugees from Cambodia say many people there are caught between hatred of the brutal regime of ousted Premier Pol Pot and distrust of the current government, which is also communist and obviously controlled by the Vietnamese with whom the Cambodians have fought for centuries.

Some Western and Thai analysts doubt the Vietnamese can break the back of the guerrilla resistance in time to allow farmers to adequately lay down the all important rice crop this year. The longer the war lasts, they say, the more difficult will be the massive tasks confronting the government: repopulation of the cities, restoration of industry and social services, and gaining the faith of the population as a whole.

Internationally, the more than three-month-old government of President Heng Samrin has been recognised by only 14, mostly pro-Moscow, nations and has not yet been able to take over the seat of the fallen regime at the United Nations. The argument for non-recognition appears to be that irrespective of the human rights violations of Mr. Pol Pot, the new government was installed by foreign invasion forces.

house them in a refugee camp in Kakamega, western Kenya, the sources said, and some were being questioned.

The refugees have included provincial governors, soldiers and—in high heels, dark glasses and well-cut suits—agents of the State Research Bureau, the spy organisation which butchered thousands of Ugandans under Field Marshal Amin.

Earlier reports said that Mr. Astles, called "the second most hated man in Uganda" by foes of the Amin regime, died during the fall of Kampala a week ago.

The sources said he was now being interrogated in an up-country Kenyan town which was not identified.

Mr. Astles, known as "Major Bob" when he was one of Field Marshal Amin's closest advisers, was among a number of Amin supporters being questioned in Kenya, the sources added.

They said nearly 1,000 Ugandans had reached Kenya since an army of Tanzanian troops and Ugandan exiles took Kampala, proclaimed a new government and accused Field Marshal Amin of mass murder.

Kenyan authorities wanted to

U.K. neo-Nazi movement makes biggest election bid

By Ed Blanche

LONDON, April 19 — The ultra-rightist National Front, which seeks to end all non-white immigration into Britain, is fielding 280 candidates in this country's general election amid simmering racial tension.

That's the largest number the racist movement has mustered for a general election since it first went to the polls with only ten candidates in the June, 1970 national election. In the last elec-

tion in October, 1974, it only ran 90 candidates to get 3.12 per cent of the vote.

The front, led by men with known Nazi links, has been involved in bloody street battles with leftists and non-white immigrants—the worst street violence in Britain since fascist riots in London in 1936.

So far, the front has failed miserably at the polls. None of its candidates has ever come close to getting elected, despite an

increase in racial tensions that periodically have flared into street violence and rioting.

But in terms of the number of candidates running for election to the House of Commons May 3, the front ranks fourth after the big three—the Conservatives, Labour and the Liberals.

The controllers of Britain's two

TV networks, the state-run British

Broadcasting Corporation and the commercial Independent Television Network, have given the front little air-time since it was formed in 1967.

But by having more than 50 candidates, it qualifies for one five-minute election broadcast on television, broadcast simultaneously on all three channels, April 26.

It can also now legitimately

claim to be represented alongside

the three major parties on television and radio discussions during the election campaigning.

The front's national organiser,

Mr. Martin Webster, claimed one

of the major reasons for running so many candidates was to beat

"the conspiracy of the media

against us" by forcing the net-

works to give the movement equal

air-time with the major parties.

The front, formed by a merger

of the British National Party, the

League of Empire Loyalists and

other rightist groups, aims to

restore Britain's faded imperial

greatness, halt non-white immigration and reappropriate the 3.2 million non-whites living in this country.

Its founder and chairman, 44-

year-old Mr. John Tyndall, once

strutted in Nazi-style uniform as

one of the leaders of the British

Front, has been succeeded by

123 guerrillas were killed and 21

Moroccan soldiers.

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sandstorm, and when it abated the

Moroccans sent in American-built

F-5 fighters to strafe and bomb the

guerrillas as they retreated

eastwards into mountainous ter-

rain on their way back to Algerian

territory.

Although King Hassan of

Morocco has threatened many

times to exercise "the right of pur-

suit" military sources here say the

Moroccan army has not crossed

the border yet despite a marked

escalation in Polisario attacks.

The Polisario wants inde-

pendence for the Western Sahara

and has concentrated its attacks

on Morocco since last summer

when it proclaimed a ceasefire in

neighbouring Mauritania, which

shares the former Spanish Sahara

with Morocco.

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He claimed that between two

and three million Cambodians had

been slain by Mr. Pol Pot and that

the country's population does not

exceed five million. Some West-

ern experts have also suspected

that Cambodia's population has

dropped sharply from the pre-

1975 estimate of seven to eight

million.

"I can't imagine how the Vi-

etnamese can feed all the people

who fled to the towns and they

don't seem to be going out to the

fields in large numbers to begin

planting rice because of the poor

security," one Western Indochina

watcher here said. "If the new

government can't set up an

administrative system and come

up with an adequate rice crop

nobody will support it."

Ploughing of the rice fields

should begin this month.

Non-communist reporters who

recently have visited Phnom Penh

say that initial attempts have

been made to restore public services

and revive some light industries in

the capital city, where the Vi-

etnamese again seem to play the

dominant role.

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